

Optometry Board of Australia

Registrant Data

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Introduction

The role of the Optometry Board of Australia (the Board) include:

* registering optometrists and students
* developing standards, codes and guidelines for the optometry profession
* handling notifications, complaints, investigations and disciplinary hearings
* overseeing the assessment of overseas trained practitioners who wish to practise in Australia, and
* approving accreditation standards and accredited courses of study.

The Board’s functions are supported by the [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) (AHPRA). For information about legislation governing our operations see [About AHPRA](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx) at <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/What-We-Do/Legislation.aspx>.

The Board has analysed its registration data and produced a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants to share with the profession and community. The Board shares these breakdowns regularly.

For more information on optometry registration, please see the Board’s website: <http://www.optometryboard.gov.au/Registration.aspx>

Principal Place of Practice

1. Registration Type
	1. **Registration type by principal place of practice**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Registration Type** | **Registration Sub-type** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| General | 73 | 1,700 | 29 | 1,012 | 277 | 83 | 1,280 | 406 | 106 | **4,966** |
| Limited  | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| Teaching or research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **3** |
| Non-practising | 1 | 41 | 1 | 14 | 2 | 1 | 34 | 10 | 56 | **160** |
| **Total**  | **74** | **1,744** | **30** | **1,027** | **279** | **84** | **1,314** | **416** | **162** | **5,130** |

* 1. **Registration type by principal place of practice percentages**



1. Endorsements
	1. **Endorsements**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Endorsement**  | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| Scheduled Medicines\* | 32 | 590 | 19 | 466 | 156 | 59 | 835 | 188 | 25 | **2,370** |
| % of general registrants who are endorsed | 44% | 35% | 66% | 46% | 56% | 71% | 65% | 46% | 24% | **48%** |

* 1. **Endorsements by age group**

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| --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Group** | **Scheduled Medicines\*** | **% of General Registrants** |
|
| U - 25 | 330 | 99% |
| 25 - 29 | 660 | 88% |
| 30 - 34 | 392 | 57% |
| 35 - 39 | 267 | 43% |
| 40 - 44 | 214 | 37% |
| 45 - 49 | 182 | 30% |
| 50 - 54 | 116 | 26% |
| 55 - 59 | 123 | 24% |
| 60 - 64 | 60 | 21% |
| 65 - 69 | 24 | 27% |
| 70 - 74 | 2 | 5% |
| 75 - 79 |  |  |
| 80+ |  |  |
| **Total** | **2,370** | **48%** |

*\*Only Optometrists holding general registration are eligible to hold the scheduled medicines endorsement.*

Age Group

1. Registration type
	1. **Registrants by age group**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Group** | **General** | **Limited** | **Non-practising** | **Total** |
| **Postgraduate training or supervised practice** | **Teaching or research** |
| U - 25 | 332 |  |  |  | **332** |
| 25 - 29 | 747 |  | 2 | 15 | **764** |
| 30 - 34 | 687 |  | 1 | 19 | **707** |
| 35 - 39 | 625 | 1 |  | 16 | **642** |
| 40 - 44 | 575 |  |  | 22 | **597** |
| 45 - 49 | 609 |  |  | 23 | **632** |
| 50 - 54 | 442 |  |  | 18 | **460** |
| 55 - 59 | 518 |  |  | 20 | **538** |
| 60 - 64 | 282 |  |  | 13 | **295** |
| 65 - 69 | 90 |  |  | 7 | **97** |
| 70 - 74 | 42 |  |  | 3 | **45** |
| 75 - 79 | 15 |  |  | 3 | **18** |
| 80+ | 2 |  |  | 1 | **3** |
| **Total** | **4,966** | **1** | **3** | **160** | **5,130** |

* 1. **Registrants age group, by principal place of practice**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Age Group** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| U - 25 | 4 | 125 | 1 | 76 | 35 | 2 | 59 | 27 | 3 | **332** |
| 25 - 29 | 13 | 239 | 5 | 134 | 41 | 5 | 272 | 45 | 10 | **764** |
| 30 - 34 | 7 | 236 | 4 | 137 | 38 | 8 | 210 | 51 | 16 | **707** |
| 35 - 39 | 12 | 224 | 2 | 124 | 25 | 8 | 170 | 61 | 16 | **642** |
| 40 - 44 | 15 | 173 | 5 | 139 | 33 | 10 | 150 | 53 | 19 | **597** |
| 45 - 49 | 9 | 216 | 1 | 137 | 31 | 10 | 140 | 63 | 25 | **632** |
| 50 - 54 | 3 | 131 | 6 | 109 | 14 | 11 | 119 | 38 | 29 | **460** |
| 55 - 59 | 7 | 242 | 4 | 83 | 27 | 20 | 88 | 41 | 26 | **538** |
| 60 - 64 | 3 | 112 | 1 | 55 | 25 | 5 | 64 | 17 | 13 | **295** |
| 65 - 69 | 1 | 29 |  | 20 | 3 | 1 | 32 | 9 | 2 | **97** |
| 70 - 74 |  | 7 | 1 | 12 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 9 | 2 | **45** |
| 75 - 79 |  | 10 |  |  | 2 |  | 3 | 2 | 1 | **18** |
| 80+ |  |  |  | 1 | 1 | 1 |  |  |  | **3** |
| **Total** | **74** | **1,744** | **30** | **1,027** | **279** | **84** | **1,314** | **416** | **162** | **5,130** |

* 1. **Registrants by age group**



Gender

1. Registration Type
	1. **Gender by state and territory by registration type**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gender** | **Registration Type** | **Sub Type** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| Female | General | 41 | 925 | 14 | 510 | 124 | 27 | 686 | 179 | 53 | **2,559** |
| Limited | Postgraduate training or supervised practice |  |  |  | 1 |  |  |  |  |  | **1** |
| Teaching or Research |  | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | **3** |
| Non-practising |  | 20 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 20 | 7 | 29 | **87** |
| **Total Female** | **41** | **948** | **15** | **518** | **126** | **28** | **706** | **186** | **82** | **2,650** |
| Male | General | 32 | 775 | 15 | 502 | 153 | 56 | 594 | 227 | 53 | **2,407** |
| Non-practising | 1 | 21 |  | 7 |  |  | 14 | 3 | 27 | **73** |
| **Total Male** | **33** | **796** | **15** | **509** | **153** | **56** | **608** | **230** | **80** | **2,480** |
| **Total** | **74** | **1,744** | **30** | **1,027** | **279** | **84** | **1,314** | **416** | **162** | **5,130** |

Percentage

* 1. **Registrants by gender percentages**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Gender** | **ACT** | **NSW** | **NT** | **QLD** | **SA** | **TAS** | **VIC** | **WA** | **No PPP** | **Total** |
| Female | 55% | 54% | 50% | 50% | 45% | 33% | 54% | 45% | 51% | **52%** |
| Male | 45% | 46% | 50% | 50% | 55% | 67% | 46% | 55% | 49% | **48%** |